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Report of

Construction Committee

of the

Territorial Prison

Commissioners.

October 26th. 1876.

Committee

David Neal

A. J. Finlay

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Report of the
Construction Committee

To A.P.K. Safford
Governor of Arizona Territory.
Tucson, A. T.

The Committee of Construction appointed by the Board of Territorial Prison Commissioners, consisting of David Neahr and J. M. Redondo and A. J. Finlay (Redondo's successor) beg leave to report to you of their acts as follows to wit: The amount of Bonds as per appropriation of the last Legislature, Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000 00/100) was received from the Territorial Treasurer, September 27th 1876. The Board of Commissioners upon receipt of same advertised for proposals and bids for sale of same in three papers in the Territory fixing the minimum price of the Bonds at 85 cts. The only bids for the Bonds were from A. Luke of San Francisco who bid 85 1/16 for the whole it being the highest and only bid was taken by the Commissioners, netting the sum of Twenty One Thousand two hundred and sixty five 62/100 Dollars (21,265 62/100). This was in November 1875 at which

time the Construction Committee com=
menced work and the prison was ready
for occupation on the 1st of July 1876.
All of the material was bought in San
Francisco except lime. The stone used
was quarried upon the prison grounds.
All of the work done upon the prison
was done by contract after advertising
for bids, and was done at exceedingly
moderate rates in comparison to what
the same kind of work has cost in
other localities. The prison grounds
are located on the Bluff at the junction
of the Gila and Colorado Rivers, contain=
ing about Ten Acres with an abund=
ant supply of stone for further work.
This ground has been given to the
Territory by the Village of Yuma for prison
purposes, the only consideration being that
it is to be used for prison purposes, and
that the location of the prison is not to be
moved in that case the grounds with all
improvements revert back to the said vil=
lage. The whole amount of the appropria=
tion has been expended as shown by
Exhibit "A" hereto attached and the
Committee show as the result the fol=
lowing.- They have two Stone cells complete
and foundation with walls for another

half complete, also an adobe building well built and finished containing two prison rooms, barred doors and windows (these with the two cells are capable of safely keeping thirty prisoners at least) also kitchen with cooking range complete, dining-hall room for guards; room for Superintendant and office. Pump engine and boiler and water reservoir for supply of prison - 475 feet of iron pipe and all necessary fixtures apertaining. Blacksmith shop complete with large punch and Shears derrick complete for hoisting all freight to the grounds, with shears for hoisting stone in laying walls. The walls are built upon a solid stone foundation and are five feet, six inches at the foundation, and three feet at first floor, the cells are arched and roof of cells make the first floor, the entire work is grated, the grating being built in the walls, and are 1/2 by 2 inches of iron, riveted with 1/2 inch rivets at the crossings which are 10x5 inches between bars. The doors are double and of iron, swung upon hinges so that one cannot be opened without opening both. For the same amount of money there

could be treble the amount of cells completed as the necessary tools and implements are now on the ground, which in the first instance had to be purchased from the appropriation besides the pumph engine and boiler, there was a sum also expended from the appropriation for excavating roads and for foundations, which at present if the work is carried forward would be saved, as this work now can be, and is done by the prisoners. The building now as it stands is complete in itself, the plan adopted by the Commissioners being so arranged that sections of the Prison can be built and used from time to time as appropriations are made for same. The cost as shown by Recapitulation of exhibit "A" for the cells and adobe building has been $11,548.$^{34}/_{100}$. Cost of the pumph house Blacksmith shop etc. $645.$^{23}/_{100}$. Cost of pumph, engine, boiler, piping and reservoir $1,934.$^{52}/_{100}$. Cost of Blacksmith tools, punch, shears, tools, wheel-barrows etc. $2475.$^{00}/_{100}$. Cost of derrick, shears for hoisting stone on walls drum and tackle complete $2082.$^{84}/_{100}$, Cost of excavating ground

for road site for pump & prison $1,164 75/100. Cost of Office furniture $36 40/100 Actual expense of Commissioners for clerical work - surveys - printing bonds advertising and stationery $810 83/100 and for night watchman doing work on prison $57 77/100. The only expense incurred by the Committee for which the work will not show for is these two last items amounting to $1388 53/100 and which was indispensable the items are shown on exhibit "A" The Committee would recommend a further appropriation for the reason that if made now say $20,000 00/100 the prison could be put in such a condition that it would serve the purpose of the Territory for years to come. The prison labor could now be used advantageously, and the cost of constructing be much less than in the first instance, as there are now seven prisoners confined in the prison and probably there will be as many more in the coming year which would a working force of fourteen men, who would do the main labor, guarding, and attendance on Stonemasons: the matter we wish to impress upon the

members of the next Legislature and ask that your message show fully the views of the Commissioners all of which is respectfully submitted.

We are Governor Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants

Yuma A. T. David Neahr
October 21st. 1876. A. J. Finlay.